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In re application of : Group Art Unit: 2132 of parent application
Cromer et al; : Examiner: M. Smithers of parent application
Serial Number: not assigned : IBM Corporation
Filed: herewith : **Customer No. 25299**

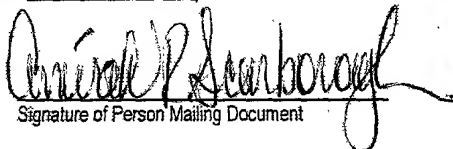
Title: AUTOMATIC RECONFIGURATION
SYSTEM FOR CHANGE IN
MANAGEMENT SERVERS

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT WITH
DIVISIONAL APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53 (b)**

**Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231**

Dear Sir:

This preliminary amendment is submitted together with a request for filing a divisional application under 37 CFR § 1.53(b) of prior application serial number 09/164,657 filed on October 1, 1998.

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A copy of the original application is being filed herewith. For purposes of the present continuation application, please amend the original application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please insert the following paragraph at Page 1, after the title.

----CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This is a divisional application of filed co-pending parent application serial number 09/164,657 filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office on October 1, 1998, as attorney docket no. RP9-98-030 the teachings of which are incorporated herein by reference.----

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1 - 9; and 16 - 20.

REMARKS

This is a Preliminary Amendment filed with a divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(b). Claims 10 - 15 are being presented for examination. The Examiner is urged to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if, in the Examiner's opinion such a phone conference would expedite or aid in the prosecution of this application.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "**Versions with Markings to Show Changes Made.**"

Applicant respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Date:

5/14/01

Respectfully submitted,

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"Versions with Markings to Show Changes Made"

In the specification:

After the title on page 1, the following paragraph has been added:

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